



Governor's E-Newsletter

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Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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Mrs. Bush, Governor Lingle and President Bush are pictured with Pearl Harbor Elementary students and teachers. Photo courtesy of principal Ellamarie Savidge pictured left of Mrs. Bush.

President Bush Visits Hawai`i

Saying it was great to be back in the United States, President Bush made his first official visit to Hawai`i on October 23, following a whirlwind tour of six Asian-Pacific nations in eight days. The 18,000-mile journey was designed to gain international support for the war on terror, as well as strengthen economic ties between the nations.

Governor Lingle accompanied the President and First Lady Laura Bush throughout their 12-hour stay on O`ahu, enabling them to discuss some of the Governor's top concerns, including reforming the state's education system, strengthening Hawai`i's role in Homeland defense and the global fight against terrorism, and raising awareness for federal recognition of Native Hawaiians. (Read local paper's editorial ["Lingle's plea to Bush bolster's Akaka bill."](#)) On the latter topic, President Bush said he was impressed by the rich culture of the Native Hawaiian people.

President Bush's visit to Hawai`i began when Air Force One touched down at 8:15 a.m. at Hickam Air Force Base, where he was greeted by Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona. While still on the tarmac, President Bush and Mrs. Bush thanked Liliha resident Hilma Chang for her years of dedication as a National Park Service Volunteer at the USS Arizona Memorial.

The Presidential entourage then traveled to Pearl Harbor to participate in a ceremony at

the USS Arizona Memorial. The President and First Lady each dropped a single flower into the water as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the Pearl Harbor attack more than six decades ago. President Bush and Dr. Condoleezza Rice had a military briefing with Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, before the President addressed war veterans, including Medal of Honor recipients, during a tour of the USS Missouri battleship.

Later that morning, the President, First Lady and Governor Lingle met with teachers prior to reading to more than 100 second-grade students at Pearl Harbor Elementary School, which recently achieved the academic benchmarks established by President Bush in his No Child Left Behind Law. The Governor also visited three sixth grade classrooms.

From there, the Presidential motorcade proceeded to the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hotel, where President Bush joined Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Duke Aiona in meeting with heads of state and other representatives of 13 Pacific island nations or governments who gathered on O`ahu for a three-day summit (see next story).

The President's visit to Hawai`i ended where it began, at Hickam Air Force Base, when he waved goodbye to over a thousand military personnel and dependents before flying back to Washington, D.C. Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin ["Gov says Hawaii was 'at its best' for Bush"](#) and in ["Bush 'impressed.'"](#)



Lt. Governor Aiona (third from left) and Governor Lingle are pictured with Pacific island leaders at

Washington Place.

Pacific Island Leaders Gather in Honolulu

Pacific island leaders from 13 countries and governments joined East-West Center officials at a reception at Washington Place. The Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders generally meets every three years to assist the region's 22 island governments in advancing their developmental goals. The theme of this year's meeting emphasized the importance of cooperation in confronting the global terrorism threat. Governor Lingle provided welcoming remarks at the reception where she emphasized Hawai`i's commitment to partnerships in the Pacific region and to being an active member of this group. She said Pacific islands face many similar challenges and are connected culturally, geographically, environmentally and economically. President Bush met with island leaders, which included Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona, to talk about homeland security and environmental issues. "This meeting did more for U.S.-Pacific island relations than what we've tried to do for the last 10 years," said Sitiveni Halapua, director of the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program. [Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)



Dr. Jeffrey Akaka introduced Governor Lingle at the "Shine the Light on Mental Illness" benefit luncheon. Also pictured are Brian Oshiro (left), a Department of Health Life Skills participant, and Henry Chapin, who established an award on behalf of his mother to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of mental illness.

Governor Lingle Receives Jean Butler Chapin Service Award

For her advocacy on behalf of persons affected by mental illness, Governor Lingle was presented with the 2003 Jean Butler Chapin Service Award. The Governor discussed the

stigma often associated with mental illness and explained that improving health care, including mental health care, is a priority for her. She spoke about her administration's success in helping mental health coverage gain parity with physical health coverage. She also discussed the \$3.6 million in federal funds Hawai`i received from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for treatment of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. Governor Lingle praised the state Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Human Services (DHS) for their unprecedented collaborative partnership. She also recognized DOH's Adult Mental Health Division, which was named 2003 State Team of the Year, demonstrating the state's commitment to mental health. At the end of her keynote address, the Governor declared October 5-11, 2003 as Mental Illness Awareness Week and presented a proclamation to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.



Governor Lingle spoke to spouses of active duty and retired military personnel at the Joint Women's Conference.

Joint Women's Conference Features Governor Lingle

Governor Lingle participated in the Joint Women's Conference at Hickam Air Force Base, giving inspirational remarks to 400 spouses of active duty and retired military personnel. The Governor talked about women in leadership roles and encouraged audience members to persevere in their multi-faceted roles as women, wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, professionals and community leaders. She also spoke of the state's mutually beneficial partnership with the military, and the contributions military spouses make to the community, including labor and volunteerism.



General William J. Begert, Governor Lingle and Debbie Pierson, Deputy Director of the Joint Women's Conference, are pictured.



Students at Kaunakakai Elementary School made a "Welcome Home Governor Lingle" sign that was displayed at the Governor's "Talk Story" session on the island of Moloka`i, which she represented for ten years as a county council member.

Moloka`i Residents "Talk Story" with Governor Lingle

Over 300 residents from Moloka`i had an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns about their community and the state with Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona in the Governor's 13th "Talk Story" session. Four department heads or deputies also attended the forum. Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona also swore-in four Moloka`i residents who were appointed to serve on boards and commissions.



Lt. Governor Aiona (left) and Governor Lingle participated in a blessing of Kaunakakai Boat Harbor. Sen. Kalani English and Carol She, a district manager with the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, are also pictured. The island of Lanaʻi is in the background. Photo courtesy of Gerry and Edie Anderson of Molokaʻi Dispatch.

Kaunakakai Boat Harbor is Dedicated

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona participated in a dedication and blessing ceremony for improvements to Kaunakakai Boat Harbor. Improvements included repairing cement at the boat ramp, resurfacing the pier, repairing a damaged section of the boat dock and repaving the entire small boat parking lot. Governor Lingle acknowledged the state's Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation for a successful collaboration which resulted in the repair work being completed efficiently. The Governor said Kaunakakai Boat Harbor is a vital, multi-use facility which is a lifeline for Molokaʻi in terms of cargo transportation and jobs, as well as recreational uses such as boating, fishing and swimming.



Students at Wilson Elementary School are pictured with Nate Smith (left), president of Oceanic Time Warner Cable. Also shown are Lalaine (back row, center), a singer/actress who plays Miranda Sanchez on Disney Channel's "Lizzie McGuire," Governor Lingle and Bob Bradley, senior vice president of affiliate sales for ABC Cable Networks Group.

Disney Channel Visits Wilson Elementary School

In celebration of its *Imagineer That!* campaign, Disney Channel and Oceanic Time Warner Cable presented Governor Lingle with a \$5,000 check for the Hawaiian Educational Council. At the open house reception, the Governor spoke to Wilson Elementary School students, parents and educators about the importance of imagination and of daring to take chances in school and in the workplace. Governor Lingle also talked about the importance of adult participation in the learning process. Hawai`i was one of five states selected to host the campaign. [Read more in the Honolulu Advertiser.](#)

Quote of the Week: "As we go about our work in Washington, Vice President Cheney and I are grateful for the continuing support in Hawai`i. We appreciate our friends here. I also appreciate the unique contributions native Hawaiians have made to this state and to our nation. I'm impressed by the rich culture of the native Hawaiian people. I respect our shared traditions and I appreciate Governor Lingle's dedication to all of Hawai`i's citizens. You've got a great Governor for this state." President George W. Bush during his visit to Hawai`i.

Key Upcoming Events

Governor Lingle will "Talk Story" in a community near you. [View the complete schedule in](#)

[Adobe .PDF format](#). Click to download the free [Adobe Reader software](#). [Listen on-line to the Governor's "Talk Story" sessions throughout the state](#).

October 25 March of Dimes Governor's Ball, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

October 26 Susan G. Komen "Hawai`i Race for the Cure," Kapi`olani Park Bandstand, 6:20 a.m.

October 28 Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will "Talk Story" with residents of Lana`i, Hale K•puna, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

October 29 Hawai`i Uninsured Projects' Coverage for All Conference, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, noon.

October 29 Japan-America Society of Hawai`i Annual Dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

October 30 Business Leadership Hawai`i 2003 Pacific Business News Awards, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

November 5 Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will hold the 15th and final "Talk Story" session for 2003 in the Wai`anae High School cafeteria, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.